

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Establishment – Forest Department – Sri R.S.G.S. Ram Singh, Forest Range Officer, Rudravaram, Nandyal (WL) Division – Inclusion in the panel of Deputy Range Officers fit for promotion to the category of Forest Range Officers for the panel year 2007-08 and to assign notional date of promotion with retrospective effect from 08.05.2008 on par with his junior, in relaxation of rules – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 76

Dated: 11-07-2018

Read the following:-

- 1) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), A.P., Letter Rc.No. 46000/2012/A1, dated 01.08.2013.
- 2) Memo.No.6383/For.V(1)/2013-1, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (For.V) Department, dated 21.08.2013.
- 3) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), A.P., Letter Rc.No.46000/2012/HR.1, dated 30.05.2018.

ORDER:

In the reference first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh has informed that during the panel 2007-08 of the Deputy Range Officers fit promotion to category of Forest Range Officers, the name of Sri R.S.G.S. Ram Singh, Deputy Range Officer was not considered as departmental proceedings on the following charges are pending against him:-

- 1) **Charge –I** : Neglect of duty resulting in large destruction of forest i.e., illicit fellings of (391 numbers) Teak fellings in Ramanna Penta East quantified as 73.697 cmt. Teak timber value Rs. 22,72,047/- (approximately).
- 2) **Charge – II** : Negligence of duty for not reporting the illicit felling occurred in Ramannapenta East Beat during the period of his tenure.
- 3) **Charge – III**: Neglect of duty for failure to report the details of cases booked, material recovered, missing material and action taken against the culprits.

2. Therefore, his juniors who are eligible and qualified were promoted, based on the recommendations of the DPC.

3. The Departmental proceedings were finalized by the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool, who is the disciplinary authority, by awarding the penalty of stoppage of two increments without cumulative effect. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, who is the appellate authority, has considered the appeal and modified the penalty as stoppage of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect. The individual has preferred the review before the Government. Finally, the Government vide Memo.No.5008/FOR.IV/A2/2012-2, E.F.S. & T. (For.IV) Dept., dated 02.11.2012 set aside the modified punishment and dropped further action.

4. While his appeal / review petitions are under examination of the competent authorities, the individual has filed O.A.No.3807 of 2009 in the APAT seeking direction for his promotion on par with his junior. In its order dated 07.02.2013 in O.A.No.3807 of 2009, the Tribunal has disposed of the O.A. holding that the applicant is entitled for promotion to the post of Forest Range Officer with effect from 28.12.2007 on which date his juniors were promoted with all consequential benefits.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh has recommended to consider the request of retrospective promotion of Sri R.S.G.S. Ram Singh, Forest Range Officer with effect from 08.05.2008 i.e., the date on which his immediate junior Sri M. Subrahmanyam was promoted during the panel year 2007-08.

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6. After careful examination of the matter, Government have decided to consider the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) and to review the panel of the Deputy Range Officers for the panel year 2007-08 fit for promotion to the category of Forest Range Officers to include the name of Sri R.S.G.S. Ram Singh and to promote him with retrospective effect from 08.05.2008, on par with his immediate junior Sri M. Subrahmanyam, in exercise of the powers conferred under rule 24 of the A.P. State & Subordinate Service Rules, 1996, by following the due procedure. Accordingly, in the reference second read above, Government issued instructions to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh to place the matter before the review DPC, for inclusion of the name of Sri R.S.G.S. Ram Singh in the panel for promotion to the category of Forest Range Officers for the year 2007-08, issue notices to the candidates who are likely to be affected for making representation against the proposed revision and send the proposal along with his specific remarks in the matter.

7. In the reference third read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh has informed that in compliance with the instructions of Government in the reference second read above, the review DPC met on 31.08.2013 and recommended to consider the name of Sri R.S.G.S. Ram Singh, Deputy Range Officer for promotion to the category of Forest Range Officer based on 2007-08 panel year on par with his juniors. Accordingly, show cause notices were issued to the persons likely to be affected for making representation, if any, against the proposed retrospective promotion and assigning notional seniority to Sri R.S.G.S. Ram Singh with effect from 08.05.2008 during the panel year 2007-08. Show cause notice has been issued to 26 affected persons. All of them have acknowledged the receipt of the show cause notice and none of them have filed by objection to the proposal. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh has therefore requested to issue suitable orders in the matter.

8. After careful examination, the Government have decided to confirm the provisional decision to include the name of Sri R.S.G.S. Ram Singh in the panel of Deputy Range Officers for promotion to the category of Forest Range Officers for the panel year 2007-08 and to place him above Sri M. Subrahmanyam, Forest Range Officer. Accordingly, Government hereby order that Sri R.S.G.S. Ram Singh shall be promoted to the category of Forest Range Officer by including his name in the panel year 2007-08, with retrospective effect from 08.05.2008 i.e., the date on which his immediate junior Sri M. Subrahmanyam was promoted, in relaxation of rule 33 (a) of A.P. State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh shall take further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

Copy to:

The individual (through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

The P.S. to M (EFS & T).

The P.S. to Principal Secretary to Govt., E.F.S. & T. Department.

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SECTION OFFICER